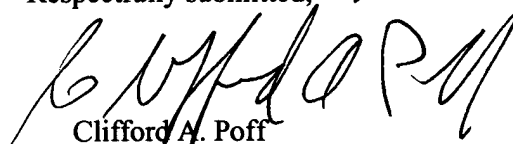


reference does not disclose or suggest a device that prevents access to a stamp platen nor the prevention of operation of a stamping device. The Webb lock is intended and designed to be inserted along spaced apart flanges of the mounting for a static structure and does not provide elements of the lock to prevent operation of the stamping device that might otherwise occur. The Webb device prevents access to a static structure and not the concepts of disabling the operation of a mechanical structure of a stamping device. The applicant's invention is clearly diverse from the function of the cited prior art and it is respectfully submitted that it does not teach or suggest applicant's combination.


Accordingly, it is believed that this application is now condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. In the event the Examiner believes a telephone interview will further the prosecution, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at 412-366-6200.

Respectfully submitted,

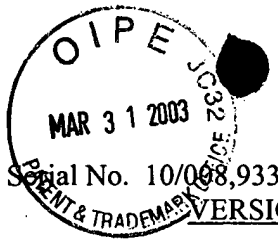
  
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the claims:

1. (Amended) A lock apparatus [for] in combination with a hand stamping device said hand stamping device including [having] an actuator frame slidable relative to a base frame to present a stamp platen residing in a frame cavity to a window in [the] said base frame, said lock apparatus including the combination of:

locking heads having upstanding anchor walls protruding from a back wall such that the anchor walls of one locking head receive [such an] said actuator frame and the anchor walls of the other locking head extend in [such a] said frame cavity to prevent access to [such a] said stamp platen;

struts for connecting said locking heads in a space apart relation with said anchor walls extending toward each other for receiving [such a] said actuator frame and base frame of said hand stamping device there between; and

a lock for interlocking said locking heads in a spaced apart relation between said struts.

7. (Amended) The lock apparatus according to claim 6 wherein the anchor walls of said one locking head have an extending length for protruding into [such a] said frame cavity a distance sufficient to prevent movement of [such a] said stamp platen.

9. (Amended) The lock apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said back wall of said other locking head is defined by a length and width substantially corresponding to a length and width of [such a] said window in the base frame.

10. (Amended) The lock apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said back wall of said other locking head is defined by a length and width substantially

corresponding to a length and width of [such a] said window in [the] said base frame and wherein the anchor walls of said one locking head have an extending length for protruding along opposite sides of said anchor frame to entrap the anchor from there between [into such a frame cavity a distance sufficient to prevent movement of such a stamp platen].

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